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SUBJECT: "PRAVDA" ON USIA/ICA REORGANIZATION

1. ARTICLE ENTITLED "AN OLD CHAIR WITH A NEW DISGUISE"
APPEARED IN SATIRICAL COLUMN "FEL'YETON" IN APRIL 6
"PRAVDA". (ASSUME ADDRESSEES HAVE FULL TEXT.) ARTICLE,
SIGNED BY O. IGNAT'YEV, INTERESTING ONLY FOR ITS TONE -
ONE OF OUTRIGHT NASTINESS, FULL OF SNIDE INFERENCES RE
SWITCH FROM USIA TO ICA - AND FOR FACT THAT PIECE ALSO
IMPUTES OMINOUS CIA CONNECTION TO ICA EMPLOYEES.

2. ARTICLE REFERS TO USIA AS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH SPREAD
DISINFORMATION AND "CHANGED WHITE TO BLACK." IT
"WORRIES" THAT FORMER USIA DIRECTOR REINHARDT MIGHT HAVE
FOUND HIMSELF WITHOUT WORK, BUT FORTUNATELY WITH A MERE
NAME CHANGE ON THE DOOR HE WILL HAVE A "CUSHY NEW JOB"
AS HEAD OF ICA.

3. LESS FACETIOUSLY, THE PIECE REFERS TO "EMPLOYEES OF THE
CIA WHO 'WORK' AT USIA". IT ALSO LAMENTS THAT WITHOUT
USIA, "WHO WILL RUN ALL THOSE VARIOUS VOICES FROM 'FREE
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"EUROPE?" THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH A REFERENCE TO
"AFRICAN FOLKLORE": "IN AFRICA, IT IS SAID THAT TO CALL A
CROCODILE AN ANTELOPE DOES NOT MAKE HIM A VEGETARIAN";
I.E. THE NAME CHANGE FROM USIA TO ICA MEANS NOTHING -
THE SAME OLD "PROPAGANDA AGENCY" GRINDS ON WITH AN EVEN
BIGGER BUDGET. TOON

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